

**The Parish of
Swaledale with Arkengarthdale**

PARISH NEWSLETTER



April & May 2008

**St. Andrew's, Grinton
St. Mary's Arkengarthdale
St. Mary's, Muker
Holy Trinity, Low Row**

From the Vicarage

Since the last newsletter, we have been busy working on our Parish Vision Process. The Archdeacon of Richmond, Janet Henderson, led us in a day to put our ideas into action, and we have identified six areas of church life to work on over the next two years, to help us grow in our Christian life together.

One way of doing this is to study and pray with others. On Tuesday 15th July, The Revd Wilf Gowing from Ripon will be coming to speak to the PCC about Cursillo. This is an international movement, helping Christians to learn more about their faith and to put it into practice through a combination of weekend meetings, small groups and spiritual direction. Wilf will share with us how we can get involved with this network, as individuals and as a parish.

Please continue to hold this process in your thoughts and prayers as we go forward together.

Caroline

From the Registers

Funerals

4 February	Elizabeth (Betty) Kendall	Grinton
6 February	Geoffrey Dunn	Grinton
4 March	John Hird (Cocker John)	Arkengarthdale

Baptisms

20 January	Kirsty Tarren	Low Row
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Events

Treasures Revealed Festival

The 2008 *Treasures Revealed* Festival takes place in Leeds in early May. Churches, Mosques, Temples and other places of worship will open their doors and over 50 events will offer something for everyone. The suggestion is for the Community Minibus to be utilised, probably on May 10th. Those interested should contact Ray Wright on 884652.

Finding Out About Funding

Come to learn about finding funding for church projects. Tuesday 15 April, 9.30am to 4pm at St Columba's URC, York. Deadline for booking 7th April. Cost £5 per delegate including lunch. Contact The Vicar for more information and transport details.

Reading in Church

There is a diocesan training day for people who read in church, at Sharow Church, near Ripon on 10 May. Susan Allison (tel. 884366) is going and can offer 3 car spaces. If you read in church, or would like to, this would be a good opportunity for some training.

Parish Notice Board

Gift Aid

The parish has benefited greatly from the Gift Aid scheme since it was first introduced in April 2000. In 2007 we received income tax repayments totalling £5200. We had feared that the reduction in the basic rate of income tax from 22% to 20% as from 6th April 2008 would result in a significant reduction in our income from the Exchequer. But fortunately in his Budget statement the Chancellor has announced that transitional relief will be introduced for the next 3 years, which will leave us no worse off.

Please bear this in mind when thinking and praying about how much you give. Now is a very good time to ensure that your giving is tax efficient and Church treasurers will be happy to offer any advice you need. Experience shows that planned giving by Banker's standing order, either monthly quarterly or annually, is particularly helpful when budgeting for the maintenance and growth of the work of the church in these two dales.

Quaker Close Communions

On the first Wednesday of each month, at 10am, beginning in April, our midweek service of Holy Communion will take place in the lounge at Quaker Close Flats. Everyone is welcome to join this service, whether you live in the flats or bungalows, or elsewhere.

Confirmation

If you would like to be confirmed, please contact the Vicar so that classes and a date can be arranged.

Student Placement

David Young, who is training for ordination at Cranmer Hall in Durham, is coming to spend the month of September on placement in the parish. He is married to Joanna (Jo), who works at Newcastle University, and she will be with us for some of the weekends.

If you would be willing to invite David for a meal whilst he is here, or can offer to spend time showing him some aspect of life in the dales, please contact the Vicar, who is putting together a timetable for him.

Car Boot Sale

This will take place at Grinton on Bank Holiday Monday, 26 May. All enquiries to Susan Allison, tel. 884366.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2 April – Christian Heritage Meeting at Reeth Methodist Church Schoolroom

Important Notice:

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Tuesday 8 April, 7.30pm at Fremington Sunday School. This is for PCC members, everyone on the Parish Electoral Roll, and all regular worshippers. Please make the effort to be there as we look ahead together. Please bring some light refreshments to share.

Wednesday 16 April – Swaledale Christian Council Meeting, 7.30pm at Gunnerside Methodist Church

Tuesday 22 April – Christian Heritage Group AGM, 7.30pm at Reeth Methodist Schoolroom

Wednesday 30 April – Archdeacon’s Visitation – for all Churchwardens

Thursday 15 May – 7.30pm, Christian Aid Service at Keld URC

C A Week

Friday 16 May - Christian Aid Week cake stall and coffee morning at Reeth Methodist church.

Arkengarthdale

Monday 21 April – DCC Meeting, 7.45pm at Arkle Town

Monday 5 May – Duck Race, Langthwaite

Sunday 25 May – Swaledale Festival Service, 11.15am

Sunday 25 May – Swaledale Festival Concert at 9.00pm

Thursday 29 May – Swaledale Festival Concert at 8.00pm

Grinton

Wednesday 2 April – Grinton DCC, 7.30pm at The Vicarage

Wine Tasting

Following on from the successful event at Cogden Hall in January to raise funds for the kitchen and toilet planned for the bell tower, St Andrew’s, Grinton are holding an informal wine tasting evening at The Gallery, East Windy Hall, Arkengarthdale Road, Reeth on Friday 2 May at 7.30pm.

The evening will take a light hearted look at wines and their basic differences using tastings and small competitions so that participation is fun and that hopefully a little knowledge is learned and taken away.

Everyone is welcome to join us at this event. Tickets are priced £7.50 inclusive of wines tasted and these are available from church members or from The Gift Shop in Reeth.

Swaledale Festival – help wanted

We will need volunteers for the tea/coffee making for all events taking place at Grinton church. May 24, 26, 27, 28, 31, June 3, 6 & 7. Please contact Susan Allison if you can offer help (884366)

Fremington Slide Show Talks

We are looking for someone to take over from Jeremy Hutchinson in organising speakers for this annual series of talks. Please contact Susan Allison if you can offer to help in this way. (884366)

Low Row

Monday 12 May - Melbecks DCC - 7.30pm, in church

Sunday 18 May - Trinity Sunday and Patronal Festival. Our friends from Low Row URC will join us for the service at 11am.

Services in the Parish

Tuesday 1 April
9pm Muker Compline

Wednesday 2 April
10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP
This service is in the lounge at Quaker Close Flats, and everyone is welcome.

Sunday 6 April Easter 3
9.15am Muker Eucharist
11.00am Low Row Eucharist
6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

Wednesday 9 April
10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP & prayers for healing

Sunday 13 April Easter 4
9.30am Grinton Eucharist
11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP
6pm Muker Family Service

Tuesday 15 April
9pm Arkengarthdale Compline

Wednesday 16 April
10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 20 April Easter 5
9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP
11.00am Low Row Eucharist
6.30pm Arkengarthdale Evening Prayer BCP

Wednesday 23 April St. George
10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 27 April Easter 6
8.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP
9.30am Grinton Eucharist
11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

Wednesday 30 April
10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

May

Thursday 1 May Ascension Day

7.30pm Grinton Eucharist

Sunday 4 May Easter 7

9.15am Muker Eucharist

10.30am Smarber Service at Low Row URC

6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

Tuesday 6 May

9pm Muker Compline

Wednesday 7 May

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

This service is in the lounge at Quaker Close Flats, and everyone is welcome.

Sunday 11 May Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

6pm Muker Family Service

Wednesday 14 May St. Matthias

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP & prayers for healing

Sunday 18 May Trinity

9.15am Muker Holy Communion BCP

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

6.30pm Arkengarthdale Evening Prayer BCP

Tuesday 20 May

9pm Arkengarthdale Compline

Wednesday 21 May

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 25 May Trinity 1

8.00am Low Row Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Grinton Eucharist

11.15am Arkengarthdale Holy Communion BCP

This is the Swaledale Festival Service

Wednesday 28 May

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

Sunday 1 June

9.15am Muker Eucharist

11.00am Low Row Eucharist

6.00pm Grinton Evening Prayer BCP

Wednesday 4 June

10.00am Grinton Holy Communion BCP

This service is in the lounge at Quaker Close Flats, and everyone is welcome.

Church Officers

Clergy

Revd. Caroline Hewlett, The Vicarage, Reeth DL11 6TR

Church Wardens of the Parish

Mrs. G. Atkinson

Mr. R. Court

Dr. J. Wilkinson

Mrs. A.K. Bergin

Mr. N. Guy

Mr. R.G. Tyler

Parochial Church Council

Secretary: Susan Allison

Treasurer: Mr. R.I. Ford

Newsletter

This is *your* Parish Newsletter and all contributions and general news items are welcome. Letters and comment on events can be included. Please send items for publication in writing (handwritten, typed or email) to ensure correct spellings of names and details.

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Please note that the Vicar's day off is Friday.